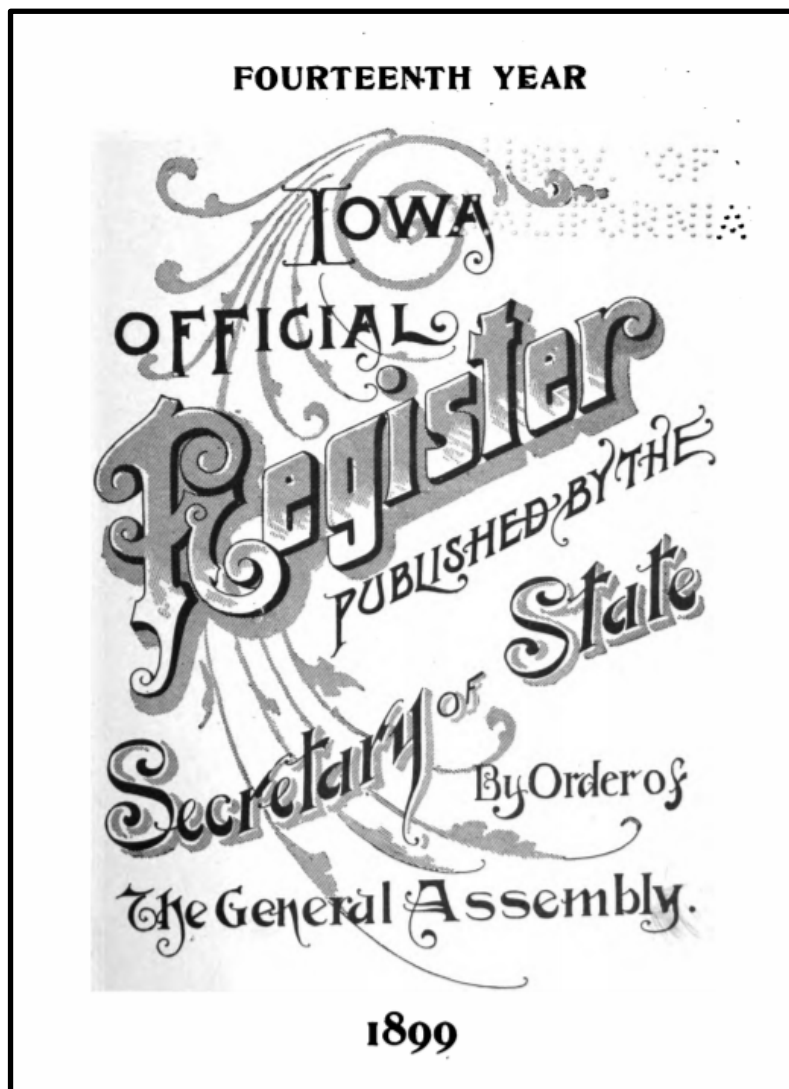


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The 1899 *Iowa Official Register* is the first state publication to refer to the Supply Department. This is the first record in the *Register* of a department existing for the sole purpose of purchasing and distributing supplies for every department of state government.

There is no other mention of supplies or the Supply Department until the 1939-1940 *Iowa Official Register*, in which the Directory of State Departments lists the location and telephone number for the Supply Room but does not specifically list a department. It is very

likely that by 1900 it was easier for each department to purchase and distribute its own supplies, or that the Supply Department had become part of another department.

Statement Reports

DETAILED STATEMENT SHOWING TRANSACTIONS OF  
THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT FROM OCTOBER 1,  
1897, TO JANUARY 1, 1899.

Number.	ARTICLES.	Value.	Totals.	Gain.	Loss.
6	Arm rests, Oct. 1, 1897.....	\$ 2.64			
	Arm rests purchased.....		\$ 2.64		
4	Arm rests issued.....	1.78			
2	Arm rests, Jan. 1, 1899.....	.83	2.64		
48	Baskets, Oct. 1, 1897.....	26.30			
64	Baskets purchased.....	49.00	65.30		
24	Baskets issued.....	15.75			
108	Baskets, Jan. 1, 1899.....	53.34	69.09	\$ 3.79	
44	Blankets (pairs, Oct. 1, 1897.....	6.90			
100	Blankets (pairs) purchased.....	120.00	126.90		
134	Blankets (pairs) issued.....	22.08			
89	Blankets (pairs), Jan. 1, 1899.....	106.80	128.88	1.93	
118	Books, Oct. 1, 1897.....	22.85			
1,482	Books purchased.....	236.85	319.70		
850	Books issued.....	197.48			
718	Books, Jan. 1, 1899.....	124.86	322.04	2.31	
29	Brooms, Oct. 1, 1897.....	5.80			
144	Brooms purchased.....	23.63	29.33		
134	Brooms issued.....	24.23			
49	Brooms, Jan. 1, 1899.....	7.82	32.05	2.70	
7	Brushes, Oct. 1, 1897.....	4.60			
289	Brushes purchased.....	208.39	210.99		
88	Brushes issued.....	62.75			
208	Brushes, Jan. 1, 1899.....	161.35	214.10	3.11	
	Carpenter supplies purchased.....	452.64	452.64		
	Carpenter supplies issued.....	452.64	452.64		
	Chimneys and mantels purchas'd.....	180.30	180.30		
	Chimneys and mantels issued.....	180.30	180.30		
145	Cloth (yards), Oct. 1, 1897.....	13.00			
400	Cloth (yards) purchased.....	15.00	29.00		
337 3/4	Cloth (yards) issued.....	15.00			
217 3/4	Cloth (yards), Jan. 1, 1899.....	13.42	29.42	.42	
	Clips purchased.....	4.49	4.49		
	Clips issued.....	4.45	4.45		\$ .04
120	Copying pads, Oct. 1, 1897.....				
600	Copying pads purchased.....	12.15	12.15		
282	Copying pads issued.....	4.42			
356	Copying pads, Jan. 1, 1899.....	6.17	10.87		1.68
	Crash purchased.....	70.00	70.00		
	Crash, Jan. 1, 1899.....	70.00	70.00		
1	Duster, Oct. 1, 1897.....	.25			
96	Dusters purchased.....	32.50	32.75		
70	Dusters issued.....	22.83			
27	Dusters, Jan. 1, 1899.....	10.16	32.69	.24	
144,575	Envelopes, Oct. 1, 1897.....	183.92			
523,650	Envelopes purchased.....	648.85	832.77		
802,124	Envelopes issued.....	376.16			
368,025	Envelopes, Jan. 1, 1899.....	461.59	838.15	5.38	
35 5-12	Erasers (dozens), Oct. 1, 1897.....	24.23			
78	Erasers (dozens) purchased.....	98.90	123.13		
45	Erasers (dozens) issued.....	78.25			

Crash is a cloth used in bookbinding.

## DETAILED STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

Number	ARTICLES.	Value.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.
6834	Erasers (dozens), Jan. 1, 1899	44.95	123.24	.11	
	Engineer supplies purchased	195.82	195.82		
	Engineer supplies issued	195.82	195.82		
218	Letter files, Oct. 1, 1897	14.23			
157	Letter files purchased	51.65	65.87		
218	Letter files issued	39.50			
157	Letter files, Jan. 1, 1899	26.47	65.97	.10	
	Hardware purchased	118.26	118.26		
	Hardware issued	118.26	118.26		
63	Ink, Oct. 1, 1897	7.07			
474	Ink purchased	82.50	89.57		
390	Ink issued	64.13			
147	Ink, Jan. 1, 1899	23.08	87.21		2.38
138	Inkstands, Oct. 1, 1897	31.10			
192	Inkstands purchased	20.83	51.93		
245	Inkstands issued	34.31			
83	Inkstands, Jan. 1, 1899	18.70	53.01	1.68	
	Matches, Oct. 1, 1897				
1,152	Matches purchased	34.00	34.00		
857	Matches issued	25.86			
295	Matches, Jan. 1, 1899	8.77	34.63	.63	
30	Mucilage, Oct. 1, 1897	2.50			
72	Mucilage purchased	28.50	31.00		
72	Mucilage issued	19.81			
30	Mucilage, Jan. 1, 1899	12.00	31.81	.81	
	Miscellaneous, Oct. 1, 1897	58.95			
	Miscellaneous purchased	801.26	858.21		
	Miscellaneous issued	705.69			
	Miscellaneous, Jan. 1, 1899	203.90	909.59	51.38	
136	Mucilage stands, Oct. 1, 1897	18.00			
	Mucilage stands purchased		18.00		
13	Mucilage stands issued	1.89			
133	Mucilage stands, Jan. 1, 1899	15.38	17.27		.73
37	Oil (typewriter), Oct. 1, 1897	3.70			
86	Oil (typewriter) purchased	3.50	7.20		
31	Oil (typewriter) issued	3.00			
43	Oil (typewriter), Jan. 1, 1899	4.20	7.20		
	Paints, oil, varnish, Oct. 1, 1897				
	Paints, oil, varnish purchased	51.74	51.74		
	Paints, oil, varnish issued	49.25			
	Paints, oil, varnish, Jan. 1, 1899	2.50	51.75	.01	
10	Paste, Oct. 1, 1897	1.60			
380	Paste purchased	25.68	27.28		
830	Paste issued	23.83			
37	Paste, Jan. 1, 1899	5.40	29.23	1.95	
	Postage, Oct. 1, 1897	3,282.37			
	Postage purchased	6,097.38	9,379.75		
	Postage issued	8,835.99			
	Postage Jan. 1, 1899	523.76	9,859.75		
	Paper, Oct. 1, 1897	2,567.99			
	Paper purchased	16,883.73	19,451.72		
	Paper issued	12,929.38			
	Paper, Jan. 1, 1899	6,813.03	19,742.36	290.64	
	Paper (code) purchased	305.47	305.47		
	Paper (code) issued	305.47	305.47		
	Paper received from code com*				
1	Pails, Oct. 1, 1897	.75			
72	Pails purchased	42.00	42.75		
23	Pails issued	20.79			

\* Included in miscellaneous.

Mucilage is a liquid adhesive. A mucilage stand is a receptacle designed to hold liquid adhesive.

Patented July 17, 1900.

INVENTOR  
Edward S. Raff  
BY  
Quinn & Dorer  
his ATTORNEYS

Patented Oct. 17, 1899.

Inventor:  
Clarence W. Taylor.  
By James L. Noyes.  
Att'y.

DETAILED STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

Number	ARTICLES.	Value.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.
40	Palls, Jan. 1, 1899.....	25.00	45.79	3.04	.....
	Paper fasteners, Oct. 1, 1897.....	17.45	.....	.....	.....
	Paper fasteners purchased.....	39.30	56.75	.....	.....
	Paper fasteners issued.....	32.58	.....	.....	.....
	Paper fasteners, Jan. 1, 1899.....	25.85	58.46	1.71	.....
	Pens, Oct. 1, 1897.....	269.49	.....	.....	.....
	Pens purchased.....	5.70	275.10	.....	.....
	Pens issued.....	244.32	.....	.....	.....
	Pens, Jan. 1, 1899.....	48.08	293.40	17.30	.....
	Penholders, Oct. 1, 1897.....	13.91	.....	.....	.....
	Penholders purchased.....	17.49	31.40	.....	.....
	Penholders issued.....	20.48	.....	.....	.....
	Penholders, Jan. 1, 1899.....	12.55	33.03	1.53	.....
	Pencils, Oct. 1, 1897.....	5.07	.....	.....	.....
	Pencils purchased.....	166.23	171.90	.....	.....
	Pencils issued.....	116.72	.....	.....	.....
	Pencils, Jan. 1, 1899.....	57.40	174.12	3.22	.....
3	Pins (doz.), Oct. 1, 1897.....	2.10	.....	.....	.....
24	Pins (doz.) purchased.....	16.80	18.90	.....	.....
19	Pins (doz.) issued.....	12.86	.....	.....	.....
8	Pins (doz.), Jan. 1, 1899.....	5.50	19.25	.36	.....
183	Ribbons, Oct. 1, 1897.....	88.75	.....	.....	.....
124	Ribbons purchased.....	101.00	187.75	.....	.....
161	Ribbons issued.....	93.64	.....	.....	.....
156	Ribbons, Jan. 1, 1899.....	78.03	173.37	15.48	.....
143	Rulers, Oct. 1, 1897.....	16.37	.....	.....	.....
45	Rulers purchased.....	16.28	33.75	.....	.....
104	Rulers issued.....	15.68	.....	.....	.....
87	Rulers, Jan. 1, 1899.....	15.27	33.33	.58	.....
	Rope and twine, Oct. 1, 1897.....	26.45	.....	.....	.....
	Rope and twine purchased.....	63.05	89.50	.....	.....
	Rope and twine issued.....	64.20	.....	.....	.....
	Rope and twine, Jan. 1, 1899.....	27.77	91.97	2.47	.....
	Rubber bands, Oct. 1, 1897.....	29.55	.....	.....	.....
	Rubber bands purchased.....	156.28	185.83	.....	.....
	Rubber bands issued.....	141.23	.....	.....	.....
	Rubber bands, Jan. 1, 1899.....	45.23	189.48	3.68	.....
	Sapolio, soap, savogran, Oct. 1, '97.....	163.46	.....	.....	.....
	Sapolio, soap, savogran purch'd.....	359.09	522.55	.....	.....
	Sapolio, soap, savogran issued.....	140.31	.....	.....	.....
	Sapolio, soap, savogran, Jan. 1, '99.....	384.24	524.55	2.00	.....
15	Sponges, Oct. 1, 1897.....	8.40	.....	.....	.....
706	Sponges purchased.....	64.00	67.40	.....	.....
285	Sponges issued.....	81.05	.....	.....	.....
429	Sponges, Jan. 1, 1899.....	35.26	68.21	.81	.....
105	Sponge cups, Oct. 1, '97.....	13.71	.....	.....	.....
72	Sponge cups purchased.....	1.95	15.66	.....	.....
69	Sponge cups issued.....	5.67	.....	.....	.....
105	Sponge cups, Jan. 1, '99.....	10.11	15.78	.12	.....
	Toilet paper, Oct. 1, 1897.....	193.50	.....	.....	.....
	Toilet paper purchased.....	.....	192.50	.....	.....
	Toilet paper issued.....	61.25	.....	.....	.....
	Toilet paper, Jan. 1, 1899.....	181.25	192.50	.....	.....
	Towels, Oct. 1, 1897.....	73.10	.....	.....	.....
	Towels purchased.....	73.55	146.65	.....	.....
	Towels issued.....	127.39	.....	.....	.....
	Towels, Jan. 1, 1899.....	25.10	152.49	5.84	.....
19	Wafers (boxes), Oct. 1, 1897.....	4.60	.....	.....	.....
50	Wafers (boxes) purchased.....	14.25	18.85	.....	.....
44	Wafers (boxes) issued.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....
25	Wafers (boxes), Jan. 1, 1899.....	3.04	5.04	.....	10.81



Sapolio is a brand of soap. Savogran is a brand or type of wood or fabric bleach.



SUPPLIES ISSUED ON REQUISITIONS BY THE SUPPLY  
DEPARTMENT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1897, TO  
JANUARY 1, 1899.

OFFICE.	Postage.	Paper.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Adjutant-general.....	\$ 548.04	\$ 70 38	\$ 127.89	\$ 746.11
Attorney-general.....	87 00	20 20	15.95	123.15
Auditor .....	1,389 92	24 49	104 16	1,513.57
Board of control.....	381.30	103.67	191 17	656 14
Bureau of labor.....	328 20	14.34	31 50	374 04
Clerk supreme court.....	398 24	94 52	66 22	559.98
Custodian.....	21 50	11.07	1,701.21	1,733 78
Dairy commissioner.....	584.00	50.85	77 94	712.79
Executive council.....	105.84	30.68	23.47	159.99
Governor's office ..	392 15	80 61	80 46	553.22
General assembly—House.....		209 64	280 58	490 22
General assembly—Senate.....		163 81	264 22	428 03
Geological department .....	410.50	55 87	57 36	523.73
Historical department.....	146 50	23 47	81 33	251 30
Horticultural society .....	128.30	23.27	18 86	170.42
Investigating committee.....		9 12	1.10	10 22
Mine inspectors .....	107.35	19 64	37 46	164 65
Pharmacy commission .....	480 04	38 36	78.79	597 19
Railroad commission.....	371 25	80 90	39 15	491 30
Secretary of state .....	906.11	128 84	151 84	1,187 79
State binder .....		555 27		555 27
State board of health.....		4 59	20.00	24.59
State library.....	227 00	65 46	79.18	371 64
State printer.....		10,853 00		10,853 00
Supreme court judges.....	95 31	32 81	32 91	161 08
Supreme court reporter.....	155.00	10 86	24.07	189 93
Supt. public instruction.....	1,148.18	102.58	101 61	1,352.38
Treasurer.....	512 26	49 90	66.58	628 74
Total.....	\$ 8,835 99	\$12,929 33	\$ 3,759 00	\$ 25,524.32

ISSUED WITHOUT REQUISITION.

Custodian.....	\$ 19.74
Attorney-general.....	44 00
Secretary of state.....	11.00
Board of control.....	14.00
Treasurer .....	27.75
Total.....	\$ 116 29
Total supplies issued.....	25,640.61

The circled sum is the total cost of supplies for all state agencies and departments for 15 months.